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In re PATENT application of )  
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Filed: June 13, 2006 )  
For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING DRIED )  
FOODS TO BE EATEN AFTER COOKED )  
OR RECONSTITUTED WITH HOT WATER, )  
AND DRIED NOODLES ) Date: December 26, 2007

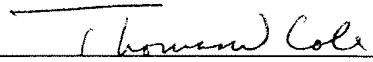
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Sir:

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